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information from East Germany. The report gives information on  
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2.

There are continued rumors in Friedersdorf and locality that the Soviets are now constructing an underground como cable from Frankfurt/Oder to Berlin(probably Karlshorst) via Hartmannsdorf and Neuzittau. Likewise, an underground oil pipeline is supposedly under construction from Kablov to the Schoenefeld airfield in East Berlin.

3.

Dated 23 Oct 56.

Soviet troops began moving about midnight on 19 October and were on the road by dawn of the 20th in the Cottbus area. All troops moved towards Forst on the Polish border. Apparently all mechanized forces in the area moved out. German buses picking up local workers on the morning of the 20th had to wait from 0500 to 0600 while Soviet columns passed by.

4.

Dated 24 Oct 56.

On 18 October the Soviet troops in Weissensee (Liebermannstrasse barracks) fell out in full combat gear and moved out to the East. They have not returned to this date. Their dependents remain in the area.

5.

Dated 24 Oct 56.

On the morning of 22 Oct 56 from 0200 to 0400 a long column of Soviet tanks passed through Eberswalde via autobahn towards the north.

6.

Dated 24 Oct 56

Soviet dependent families are still in their quarters on

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Hoffersteig, Gerstenweg, Maisweg, Roggensteig and Erbhofferweg - all in Biesdorf.

7. \_\_\_\_\_ Dated 25 Oct 56.

A Soviet military alarm was decreed in Stralsund on 24 October. Motorcycle patrols were observed in profusion ~~§§§§§~~ throughout the town. \_\_\_\_\_ Soviet naval vessels were in port. At Grabowsee, the Soviet Military Hospital cancelled all liberty, and the Soviet troops had to go over the wall to get into town.

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8. \_\_\_\_\_ Dated 25 Oct 56.

On 19 Oct 56, 30 Soviet tanks were sent from Bernau to Berlin by rail. Reinforced Soviet-VOPD patrolling was observed in Bernau since then.

9. \_\_\_\_\_ Dated 25 Oct 56.

Bernau. 40 open ~~§§§~~ rail platform cars were observed at the station loaded with heavy Soviet artillery pieces. The train left towards Eberswalde(date unclear).

At 1842 hours on 23 Oct, a troop train~~§~~ left Bernau towards Frankfurt/Oder. Load of most cars could not be seen, but one car carried about 100 Soviet troops in full combat equipment (armed with submachine guns).

10. \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_ on 22 Oct,

\_\_\_\_\_ a large number of Soviet tanks hidden in the woods along the rail line.

From 20-25 Oct, 9 Soviet ~~§§§§§~~ trains pulled through the Friedersdorf station heading East. Each contained 40 cars of unknown load (closed cars) with one car of Soviet guards. Rail-routing signs on some cars read Annaberg-Brest-Litovsk.

11. \_\_\_\_\_ Dated 27 Oct 56.

Beginning on <sup>18</sup>~~§§~~ October, one troop train a day has passed the Kietz station heading towards Poland carrying tanks, armored vehicles and troops.

On 19 and 20 October, three troop trains arrived at Frankfurt/Oder from Fra(?), Poland. Each train had several cars full of Soviet dependents. The Frankfurt/Oder RR station is constantly jammed with Soviet troops

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12.

Dated 27 Oct 56.

A Soviet military train carrying 15 tanks left Erkner towards Berlin on 25 Oct 56.

On the night of 26-27 Oct, 2 trainloads of Soviet tanks arrived at Frankfurt/Oder and were unloaded. They were parked at Kirchplatz and Markplatz. Pontoon bridges were observed across the Oder River. These, and Soviet river ~~boats~~ craft (small cutters) were strictly guarded by Soviet troops.

13.

Dated 27 Oct 56.

A Soviet truck convoy consisting of 21 large trucks left Juetzbog via Luekenwalde towards Kummersdorf. The trucks,

[redacted] were mostly covered by tarps, 25X1

but troops apparently were in about 7 trucks and 2 were full of Soviet dependents.

Heavy tank movement towards Kummersdorf can be heard every night at Luekenwalde.

14.

Dated 27 Oct 56.

Soviet infantry units of unknown size were observed being loaded on trains at the Gardelegen station on 18 October.

15.

[redacted] on 28 October [redacted] large concentrations of Soviet tank and artillery units along the Polish border. [redacted] Forst is very ~~big~~ heavily policed by Soviet Military Police patrols, both on foot and in armored cars.

At Cottbus [redacted] large numbers of Soviet tanks in the outskirts of the woods ~~around~~ <sup>outside</sup> town.

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